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SUBJECT: SECURITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE RESPONSE - MISSION
CANADA TO INCLUDE ALL CONSULATES, HALIFAX, QUEBEC CITY,
MONTREAL, APP WINNIPEG, CALGARY, VANCOUVER AND TORONTO

REF: STATE 28688

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POLITICAL VIOLENCE

1. (SBU) DEMONSTRATIONS

- 1A. YES
- 1B. YES
- 1C. YES
- 1D. ALCAN POSTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATORS TO BE APPROXIMATELY 50. HOWEVER, A STEADY DECREASE IN THE NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF DEMONSTRATIONS DID OCCUR THROUGHOUT CANADA DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.
- 1E. MILITARY ACTIONS AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF.
- 1F. PEACEFUL
- 1G. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES TO USG EMPLOYEES.
- 1H. NO
- 1I. YES, ANTI-WAR
- 1J. YES
- 1K. NUMBERS OF ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATORS STEADILY DECREASED.
- 1L. PEACEFUL FOR THE MOST PART WITH A FEW ARRESTS
- 1M. NO

2. (SBU) MACRO CONFLICT CONDITIONS

- 2A. NO
- 2B. N/A
- 2C. N/A
- 2D. N/A

3. (SBU) HOST COUNTRY CAPABILITIES

- 3A. YES
- 3B. YES
- 3C. NO
- 3D. YES, THE CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (CSIS) AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO BATTLE TERRORISM. HOWEVER, CANADIAN SERVICES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE AS PROACTIVE AS U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT REGARDING TERRORIST CELL PENETRATION AND SOURCE DEVELOPMENT. BOTH AGENCIES ARE SUPPORTIVE AND COOPERATIVE WITH U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THE MOST PART ALTHOUGH RESTRICTED BY THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS.
- 3E. YES, AS LONG AS PRIVACY REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCED TO THE FULLEST DEGREE OF THE LAW. TIMELINESS ON REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION IS SUSPECT.
- 3F. YES
- 3G. YES
- 3H. GOOD/AVERAGE. IN GENERAL, MAJOR AIRPORTS GENERALLY HAVE GOOD SECURITY CONTROLS IN PLACE. HOWEVER, U.S. PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS AT SEVEN MAJOR AIRPORTS IN CANADA ARE LOCATED IN FRONT OF AIRPORT SECURITY. US DIRECTED POLITICAL PRESSURE IS ELIMINATING A PORTION OF THIS PROBLEM WITH NEW FACILITIES AT OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. USE OF THE US NO-FLY LIST HAS BEEN ADDED FOR OUTBOUND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BUT NOT USED FOR DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL.
- 3I. REVENUE CANADA CUSTOMS AND CANADIAN IMMIGRATION ARE REASONABLY EFFECTIVE AT PORTS OF ENTRY.
- 3J. CANADA LACKS A DEDICATED BORDER PATROL. THE RCMP PERFORMS THIS FUNCTION.

INDIGENOUS TERRORISM

4. (SBU) ANTI-AMERICAN TERRORIST GROUPS

- 4A. NO
- 4B. N/A
- 4C. N/A
- 4D. N/A
- 4E. N/A
- 4F. N/A
- 4G. N/A
- 4H. N/A

5. (SBU) OTHER INDIGENOUS TERRORIST GROUPS

- 5A. YES
- 5B. NATIVE CANADIAN (ABORIGINAL) GROUPS HAVE, ON OCCASION, HAD CONFRONTATIONS WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITY AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.
- 5C. NO

- 1D. N/A
- 1E. NO

TRANSITIONAL TERRORISM

16. (S/NF) TRANSNATIONAL TERRORIST INDICATORS

1A. YES. ALMOST EVERY KNOWN ISLAMIC EXTREMIST GROUP HAS EITHER A PRESENCE OR SYMPATHIZERS IN CANADA SUCH AS THE HIZBALLAH; AL-ITIHAD; ALGERIAN GIA; THE LTTE; EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD; THE IRANIAN MEK AND AL-QAEDI. SIKH EXTREMISTS ARE ALSO PRESENT AND ARE UNDER CONSTANT SCRUTINY BY CANADIAN SECURITY SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THE SUSPICION OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE 1985 AIR INDIA BOMBING. ALCAN POSTS HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VISA VIPER ENTRIES.

1B. THE ORGANIZATIONS AND SYMPATHIZERS ARE PRIMARILY ASSESSED AS PROPAGANDA, FINANCIAL, AND/OR SUPPORT CELLS, MOST RECENTLY, FINANCIAL SUPPORT FRONTS FOR HAMAS. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN CANADA IN RECENT YEARS SUCH AS WELL-DOCUMENTED EL-MAATI PROBE. ANOTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLE WAS THE DECEMBER 1999 ARREST OF CONVICTED TERRORIST AHMED RESSAM AND THE SUBSEQUENT ARREST OF A NUMBER OF HIS ACCOMPLICES. RESSAM WAS A MONTREAL BASED TERRORIST APPREHENDED AT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA/WASHINGTON STATE BORDER AS HE WAS ENROUTE TO CONDUCT AN ATTACK IN THE UNITED STATES. INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE CANADA-BASED EXTREMISTS HAVE TIES TO IDENTIFIED OR SUSPECT TERRORISTS OVERSEAS. THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE CANADA-BASED PERSONS INVOLVEMENT WITH THESE TERRORISTS IS OFTEN UNCLEAR BUT DOES GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN. READERS SHOULD ALSO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE ONGOING ARAR INQUIRY.

1C. NO

1D. (S/NF) YES, THERE ARE EXTREMISTS WHO ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING AL-QAEDA. SEVERAL ARRESTS BY CANADIAN SERVICES WERE MADE OVER THE LAST YEAR OF SUSPECTED AL-QAEDA MEMBERS. NGO'S HAVE ALSO BEEN DETERMINED TO BE IN SUPPORT OF SUSPECTED TERRORIST FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE SIKH EXTREMISTS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE SIKH ORGANIZATION (S). THE LARGEST OF THOSE COMMUNITIES, WE BELIEVE, ARE NOT FULLY KNOWN TO SECURITY SERVICES, WHO CONTINUE TO WORK THE TARGETS IN QUESTION TO ACCESS AND RE-ASSESS THAT QUESTION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION (GRF) AND THE BENEVOLENCE INTERNATIONAL FUND (BIF), BOTH LISTED AS HAVING SUPPORTED TERRORISM BY THE U.S. HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN CANADA. THE TAMIL LTTE IS ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN RAISING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH A VARIETY OF FRONT GROUPS.

1E. YES

1F. (S/NF) EXTREMIST GROUPS RESIDENT IN CANADA PRIMARILY OPERATE AS PROPAGANDA, FINANCIAL AND SUPPORT CELLS. HOWEVER, THE POTENTIAL THREAT FROM THESE GROUPS CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED. INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY BY U.S. AND CANADIAN SERVICES SINCE SEPTEMBER 2001, HAS CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF AL QAEDA MEMBERS AND CELLS IN CANADA. IN JANUARY, 2002, A SUSPECTED AL QAEDA-TRAINED TERRORIST, AL RAUF BIN AL HABIB BIN YOUSEF AL-JIDDI, A CANADIAN CITIZEN BORN IN TUNISIA, WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE FIVE SUICIDE MARTYRS WHOSE PHOTOS WERE RELEASED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY 2002. AL-JIDDI LIVED IN MONTREAL. U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT DO ON OCCASION IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL OF INTEREST WITH TIES TO CANADA, AS IS THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH ABDERRAOUF JDEY AND MAHAR ARAR.

OTTAWA IS AN INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL WITH OVER 140 FOREIGN EMBASSIES TO INCLUDE RUSSIA, IRAN, SYRIA, ISRAEL, FRANCE, CHINA, AND SEVERAL OTHERS CONSIDERED BY DSS AS HAVING HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. WOULD ANY RESIDENT FOREIGN MISSION CONSPIRE OR HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR ANTI-AMERICAN TERRORIST ACTS? AT BEST THE IRANIAN MISSION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING THE POTENTIAL AS OUTLINED IN STATE 35229.

1G. N/A

1H. THE EAC BELIEVES THAT CANADA'S STRICT LAWS PERTAINING TO WEAPONS IN GENERAL IS A DETERRENT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SMALL ARMS. POST CANNOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS TO INCLUDE CBW AND COMBAT GRADE EXPLOSIVES COULD BE USED AGAINST U.S. OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL TARGETS AS WITNESSED IN RECENT WORLD EVENTS.

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